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### **State Historical Society plans Oahe Dam 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events**

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota State Historical Society will be offering three free programs in conjunction with the Oahe Dam 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration.

- Friday, Aug. 17, 2012 – 4 p.m.  
Presentation of Oahe Dam construction images at Cultural Heritage Center. Oahe Dam construction workers are particularly encouraged to attend this event and offer input on the images.
- Saturday, Aug. 18, – 9 a.m.  
Reception for Oahe Dam construction workers, spouses and children at the Cultural Heritage Center. Sponsored by the South Dakota State Historical Society Foundation.
- Saturday, Aug. 18, – 11 a.m.  
State Archives film footage of the Missouri River closing operations, power plant construction and visit by President John F. Kennedy in 1962. The film will be shown at the State 123 Theatre in Pierre.

The main commemorative event will be held on Friday, Aug. 17, at 11 a.m. at the Oahe Dam Visitors Center (above the dam near the Oahe Chapel).

**Editor's note: The attached photograph is an image of the construction of the Oahe Dam from the collection of the South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives.**

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*The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit [www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov) for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*